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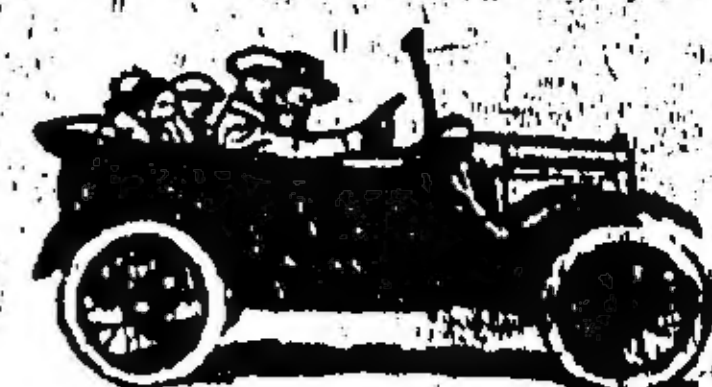
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XMAS RUSH.
ELEVENTH HOUR SHOPPING.
LATE HOURS TO-DAY.
The Festive Season In Hongkong.

Although the Christmas holidays have in effect begun for many, the shop folk are working harder than ever.

"No. Xmas shoppers do not learn wisdom as the years go by," said the manager of one of the leading establishments in the Colony when approached by a "China Mail" representative this morning. "A great deal of our Xmas gifts are always sold at the eleventh hour, so to speak, and I expect we shall be kept pretty busy up to six or six-thirty this evening."

To appreciate the truth of the manager's observation one had only to look at the shop windows or in at the doors, particularly after the tiffin hour, and note numbers who, hoping for an inspiration, had left the selection of certain presents until almost the last possible moment.

"Business is business, and I don't know that I would have the arrangements otherwise," said another Head of a large store when the "China Mail" man ventured to commiserate with him in that he would have a bit of a rush to get away from the shop to any personal evening engagement.

"Take Saturday, for instance," he added, "some of the assistants might think it rather hard that they should have to work the same as usual but after all a retail store has not only a public duty to perform but it can ill afford to lose business. We are up against more formidable competition here than at home, competition which takes no account of Sundays or European holidays."

WANDERING ABOUT.
Not the same impression of Xmas bustle was conveyed in other localities visited by the "China Mail" man in the course of his wander round the City.

At the Supreme Court the day was treated as a Friday and the only business was the fixing of cases for hearing after the vacation. After this business had been completed, the courts and corridors were completely deserted. The Full Court appeal case which opened yesterday had been adjourned until after the holiday period.

Looking strangely more human than in his gown and wig and amid court settings, a well-known barrister was met not far off grasping a parcel in his hand. Whether through force of habit he was heading for the building in which he has made appeals on behalf of many a manacled man or whether he was using his apartments there as a depot—who can tell? But it must have been a parcel of more than ordinary significance for him to have

IRELAND AND LEAGUE.

NO INTENTION TO ENTER CONTROVERSY.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

GENEVA, December 23.
The reply of the Irish Free State to the British No. 6 of December 15, regarding the registration of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, now published by the League, disavows any intention of entering into a controversy regarding the intentions of any individual signatory to the covenant. But the Free State is unable to accept the contention that the clear, unequivocal language in article 18 is susceptible to any interpretation compatible with the limitation which the British Government now seeks to read into it.

EGYPTIAN ELECTION.

KING FUAD DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

CAIRO, December 23.
King Fuad has signed the decree dissolving Parliament.
The election for the electoral delegates has been fixed for January 20; the election of Deputies on February 2.
The new Chamber is to meet on March 6.

SUSPECTED.

TWO GUNMEN HELD BY POLICE.

The smart work on the part of the police which resulted in the capture at Des Voeux Road West, of seven men, who are alleged to have been on their way to a tea house, with felonious intent, on Monday evening, was mentioned at the Central Magistracy this morning when two of the men on whom two revolvers and seven rounds of ammunition were found were brought before the Magistrate. A formal remand was applied for by Detective Sergt. Andrew, which was granted.

It is not unlikely that the arrested men will be identified with other recent robberies.

XMAS IN JAIL.

EFFORTS MADE FOR EUROPEANS.

BOOK PRESENTS.

Result Of "China Mail" Interview.

Europeans in Victoria Jail are not to spend quite such a dreary Christmas after all.

The article which appeared in the "China Mail" on Saturday setting out the fare of European prisoners in Victoria jail this Xmas time—the usual bread and soup and suet pudding—attracted the attention of interested people and efforts were made to get the regulations amended in order that gifts might be made to the prisoners.

The "China Mail" understands that the Government would not

allow gifts of food to be made but they had no objections to presents in the shape of books being given.

Accordingly each European prisoner will receive such a present to-morrow through the Cathedral chaplains. The notice is too short for an appeal to be made for books for this purpose but the shelves of the jail library are sadly in need of replenishment and the chaplains, the "China Mail" understands, would welcome additions to them.

TWO LIVES LOST IN £200,000 BLAZE.



At least two lives are known to have been lost in a £200,000 fire which destroyed the Hotel Bothwell, the Senator Hotel and the casino on the £200,000 Steel Pier in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This photograph shows the ruins of the Hotel Bothwell.

CLYDEBANK TROUBLE.

EVICIONS OF "RENT STRIKERS."

SOME LIVELY SCENES.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, December 23.
The long threatened evictions of Clydebank "rent strikers" began to-day. They were attended by lively scenes. The eviction officers, who were escorted by 60 policemen, swooped down on the district just after a night patrol of tenants had returned home, but bell-ringing brought a crowd to the spot. The police repelled an ugly rush in which a press photographer was kicked. Arrests followed but subsequently the streets were cleared.

The eviction officers proceeded with their work. The whole area is seething with excitement but the presence of many police is proving a restraining influence.

MORE ANXIETY.

FRENCH DEPUTY FEARS BOLSHEVISM CHINA.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Paris, December 23.
Anxiety regarding forthcoming events in the Far East is voiced by M. Outrey, deputy for Indo-China. In the course of a debate on the Colonial estimates in the Chamber, he said he feared the organisation of a Bolshevist Government in China.

JAPAN IS SAFE.
He knew Japan had protected herself against the movement by an understanding with Chang Tso-lin and Japan, and Korea would certainly be saved from the wave of Bolshevism. But it was also certain the wave would spread across China; as soon as it reached Indo-China, Burma and India it ought to be watched closely.

"JOB CONTROL."

FURTHER SHIPPING TROUBLE IN AUSTRALIA.

THREAT OF OWNERS.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

MELBOURNE, December 23.
Inter-state steamers are held up at Brisbane, owing to the crews' demands for over-time. The ship-owners in reply, threaten to lay up the entire fleet until Government enforces the laws of the country against "job control" and strikes.

OBITUARY.

MR. T. W. H. CROSLAND.

A Reuter message from London announces the death of Mr. T. W. H. Crosland, the poet.

The late Mr. Crosland was born on July 24, 1868. He was a frequent contributor to the "Leeds Mercury," "Yorkshire Weekly Post," "Black and White," "Outlook," "Academy," "Saturday Review," "The Gentlewoman," "Public Opinion" and "Evening Standard." From 1899-1902, he was assistant editor of the "Outlook." During 1905 he edited "The English Review" and from 1908-1911 was assistant editor of the "Academy." His publications include: "Literary Parables; Other People's Wings; The Finer Spirit (verse); English Songs and Ballads; The Unspeakable Scot (1902); Lovely Woman (1903); The Lord of Creation (1904); The Enemy (1905); The Wild Irishman (1905); The Suburbans (1905); Red Rose (verse, 1905); The Country Life (1905); The Beautiful Testaller (1907); Sonnets (1912); Taffy was a Welshman (1912); The First Stone (1912); The Chant of Affection (1915); The Showmen (1915); The Soul of a Crown Prince (1915); War Poems by X (1911); Collected Poems (1911) and The English Sonnets (1916).

COMMUNIST PERIL.

M. HERRIOT APPEALS TO PRESS.

FRANCE QUITE SAFE.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

PARIS, December 23.
M. Herriot, from his bed of sickness, has issued a statement to the Foreign Pressmen with regard to what he termed the alleged Communist peril in France. He appealed to them not to allow the legend to spread abroad that France is grappling with great social difficulties and was in danger of grave troubles breaking out soon.

He said undoubtedly there was a Communist Party in France, but its strength is waning and it has no representatives in Parliament. Government is prepared to repress any attempt at disorder in the most energetic manner, but he is convinced there will be no disturbance.

FRENCH WAR DEBT.

U. S. APPROACHED THROUGH WRONG CHANNEL.

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

Washington, December 23.
President Coolidge considers that the United States Government cannot take notice of M. Jusseraud's suggestion yesterday for a moratorium in connection with the payment of the French war debt to America.

President Coolidge feels that comment would be out of place, since the Ambassador chose to make a suggestion to the country by means of a public address, when it was well-known that the only way in which such a suggestion could be considered by the Government was through the channel provided by Congress when it created the Debt Commission.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

VIEWS OF DOMINIONS SOUGHT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, December 23.
Reuter is informed that the British Government has today telegraphed to the Governments of the Dominions and India with a view to ascertain whether it will be possible to arrange a special meeting of the Imperial Conference, early in March, to discuss questions arising out of the Geneva Protocol.

THE MAIN OBJECT.

The object is a full and frank discussion of the nature and extent of the responsibilities which will be involved for the whole Empire by the ratification of the Protocol. There is no question of any special lines having been already laid down by the British Government, but everything will be left for complete and frank discussion on the part of the Dominions.

ALBANIAN REBELS.

SUCCESS OF INSURGENTS REPORTED.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Belgrade, December 23.
The morning newspapers report that a column of Albanian insurgents entered Tirana last evening. Scutari has also fallen after half an hour's battle in which the rebels, commanded by ex-Premier Ahmed Beqozu beat the Fennoli troops.

PEPPER AND BLOWS.

NAVAL HOSPITAL BOYS ASSAULTED.

Two canteen boys at the Naval Hospital were set upon by two men who had been lying in wait for them in some bushes a few yards from the hospital last night. One of the boys was felled to the ground, after he had been partially blinded by powdered pepper. A sum of \$5 was stolen from the boy, who reported the incident to the police this morning. The boy's companion ran away and gave the alarm later, but the robbers had by that time got away.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tls.
Langkats..... 2275 Buyers.
Ewos..... 12 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks..... 108 Buyers.
New Engineerings 750 Buyers.
Orientals..... 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 59 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

The London "Gazette" announces the King has given authority to Mr. Eugene Ernest Jacobs, locomotive inspector in the Royal Siamese State Railways, to wear the insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam.

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INTIMATIONS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5
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 FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th,
 26th and 27th December, 1924.
 Hongkong, 20th December, 1924.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

ENGLISHMEN are requested to
 send in their applications for
 tickets for St. George's Ball as soon
 as possible to H. E. Hollands c/o
 J. M. & Co. Ltd.

Englishmen wishing to join the
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 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1924.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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 with Mr. A. A. Lopes at his office,
 Alexandra Building, or at his
 Residence, No. 3, Pratt Building,
 Kowloon.
 Dated the 27th day of Novem-
 ber, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1925.

ENTRIES for the forthcoming
 Races close on Saturday, 10th
 January, 1925, at 3 p.m. and must be
 sent to the Secretary c/o Linstead &
 Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or
 before this date.
 Entry Forms are now ready and
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 Hongkong, 19th December, 1924.

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Trapped in Tunnel.

Two labourers named John
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 employed at the Bradford Cor-
 poration, sewage works at Esholt,
 were boring a tunnel four feet in
 diameter and 15 feet under a
 canal when the roof fell in. They
 dashed for the shaft and reached
 the ladder to the top as the water
 filled the tunnel.

Wife's Dream.

When Mrs. Burrows, of Victoria-
 drive, Eastbourne, was granted a
 separation order her solicitor said
 that while she was in a maternity
 home she dreamt that her husband
 was "unfaithful to her." She
 returned home, found a letter, and
 went to a house in Arundel-road,
 where she found her husband with
 another woman. She forgave him,
 but he had gone back to the
 woman.

Late Hours And Health.

In the course of a paper on
 "Fatigue and Sleep" read before
 a People's League of Health
 meeting at the Medical Society of
 London, Sir Robert Armstrong-
 Jones, the surgeon, stated that the
 deepest sleep was two hours after
 going to bed and the next period
 occurred two hours before rising.
 If bed-time was postponed beyond
 the usual hour the first sleep was
 lost and could not be regained.
 For that reason health and good
 looks and dancing into the late
 hours should not be indulged in
 more than twice a week.

Liner's Speed.

Cowes Harbour Commissioners
 have decided to send a strong
 protest to the Board of Trade and
 the Admiralty regarding the speed
 of the Cunard liner "Mauretania" in
 the Solent and at Spithead while
 passing to and from Southampton.
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 pause in our labours and give thanks to Him
 "from Whom" all blessings flow" for His
 divine care and guidance. Let us not forget
 war torn Europe and China, rent by dissension
 and hunger while trying to restore
 order out of chaos.

Stepping through the portals of the year
 1925 may we resolve more righteously to
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"SICILIA"	8,813	24th Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	10,118	24th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORFA"	10,111	7th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"SARDINIA"	8,884	14th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"KASHEMIR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,041	7th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"BOUDAN"	8,688	14th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	8,005	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	8,813	31st Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"MANITUA"	10,002	4th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"KARMALA"	9,088	11th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	18th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"SARDINIA"	8,884	25th Apr.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way

BRITISH INDIA-APOAR SAILINGS (South)			
"TAIRA"	8,800	24th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	8,849	16th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILWA"	10,000	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
"ARAFURA"	6,000	30th Dec.	Manila, Kolumbugan, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Bris- bane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	4th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,958	16th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

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"TAKADA"	8,849	27th Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"SICILIA"	8,813	at 10 a.m. at 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKIWA"	8,800	1st Jan.	Amoy.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	3rd Jan.	Moji and Kobe.
"DOROGUA"	8,083	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	10th Jan.	Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHEMIR"	8,963	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORFA"	10,111	1st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	9th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,041	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Butcher Meat.

	December 21, 1924	December 22, 1924	December 23, 1924
Beef, Shloin, - Mad Lang Pa .. lb.	30	34	15
Prime Cut .. lb.	30	34	15
Corrod, - Ham Ngu Yeh .. lb.	22	22	30
Road, - Shio .. lb.	22	22	30
Brast, - Ngu Nam .. lb.	18	20	16
Scap, - Tong Yeh .. lb.	18	20	16
Shank, - Ngu Yeh Pa .. lb.	18	20	16
Shank, - Ngu Yeh Pa .. lb.	18	20	16
Sausages, - Ngu Cheung .. lb.	20	20	20
Sallock's Brast, - Ngu No per set	18	10	18
Tongue, fresh, - Ngu Li each 60	50	50	60
Tongue, corrod, - Ham Ngu Li	80	80	80
Head, - Ngu Tan .. each 1.00	1.00	1.00	1.80
Heart, - Ngu Tan .. lb.	10	12	14
Hump, Sal, - Ngu Kiu .. lb.	30	30	30
Feet, - Ngu Kiu .. each 10	12	10	12
Kidney, - Ngu Yeh .. lb.	12	10	12
Liver, - Ngu Kiu .. lb.	12	10	12
Tripe (undressed), Ngu To lb. 6	6	7	7
Calves' Head and Feet, - Ngu Tan	1.50	1.00	1.00
Ham, - Ngu Tan .. each 1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Mutton Chop, - Young Fat Kwa .. lb.	48	48	48
Leg, - Young Fat .. lb.	48	48	48
Shoulder, - Young Fat .. lb.	48	48	48
Saddle, - Young Fat .. lb.	48	48	48
Pig's Chilling, - Chu Cheung .. lb.	35	35	35
Brast, - Chu Cheung .. lb.	35	35	35
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LOCAL BOXING.

SPORTING BOUTS. LAST NIGHT.

CARTLIDGE BEATS SMITH.

[By Argus.]

At the City Hall last night, the second Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association, took place before a crowd of just under 1,000.

A working party, under Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, had performed a seeming miracle, in transforming the stage into a ring with ample seating accommodation, when it is remembered they could not commence operations until 8.30 yesterday morning. Mr. J. Brook had arranged a capital series of bouts, and with one notable exception every contest was well worth the money as the saying goes.

Though His Excellency the Governor was unable to be present he sent his deputy, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

The fighting throughout was remarkably clean and the referees had a comparatively easy task. The officials for the different bouts were: (1) Dr. B. P. Minnett and Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Judges), Mr. W. S. Bailey (Referee). (2) Mr. W. Logan, Mr. W. S. Bailey (Judges), Dr. E. P. Minnett (Referee). (3) Lieut. Commander Lyle, R.N., Dr. Minnett (Judges), Mr. W. Logan (Referee). (4) Lieut. Colonel Montague Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Referee). (5) Mr. W. S. Bailey, Dr. E. P. Minnett (Judges), Mr. A. Murdoch (Referee). (6) Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Dr. E. P. Minnett (Judges), Mr. A. Murdoch (Referee).

The main event of the evening, of course, was the bout between C. P. O. Cartledge, R.N., and Captain Matty Smith for the light-weight championship of the Colony and the Association's Belt. Cartledge showed his superiority throughout and now retains the Belt, having won it twice consecutively. Smith put up a very game display and took a tremendous amount of punishment in the later rounds. In fact Cartledge followed up a smashing right upper-cut in the 14th round, which shook Smith considerably, he would probably have knocked his opponent out.

At the conclusion of the contest, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chairman of the Boxing Association, fastened the Belt round Cartledge's waist. An account of the bouts follows:

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Private Eaton of the East Surreys repeated his victory over Stoker P. O. Young. Eaton had the better of every round, though Young at times got home heavily on his opponent's ribs.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Randsman Wareham, of the East Surreys, met a stiff proposition in Signalman Rogers. There was little to choose between the men in the first round, each demonstrating clever footwork. Possibly Rogers was just ahead on points. In the second round, Rogers opened well, doing most of the attacking, but towards the end Wareham was the aggressor and had the better of the round.

In the third round, Wareham was superior throughout, stalling off all Rogers' rushes and generally giving more than he received.

In the fourth, Rogers again forced the fighting to commence with, but Wareham's left generally found the mark and he again had the better of the exchanges.

In the penultimate round, after Rogers had got a left and right swing to Wareham's head, the latter returned the compliment with interest. Towards the end Rogers had slightly the better of exchanges, but appeared badly shaken by a blow to the body.

In the last round Wareham delivered heavy punishment, but Rogers stood up pluckily to his heavier opponent until the final bell.

WELTER-WEIGHTS.

Pte. Barber, E. Surreys, played with his opponent, A. B. Campbell, of H.M.S. "Titanic," hitting him when and where he liked in the first round.

In the second round, after Barber had had all the best of it, Campbell knocked him down twice, their heads colliding on the first occasion.

It was apparent in the third round that Barber was still dazed, and his opponent drove him all over the ring, sending him to the mat on six occasions. Barber, despite his dazed condition, was as game as a pebble and continually struggled to his feet without delay.

Round four proved the last, Barber still dazed being completely knocked out, though the coup-

de-grace appeared to be delivered when he was in a kneeling position. An unfortunate but plucky affair.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Telegraphist Emmerson won on points from A. B. Bland of H.M.S. "Despatch."

Emmerson, in the first round, showed he was much the cleverer of the two and did all the attacking, having his man continually against the ropes.

In the second Emmerson was still on the aggressive, getting many lefts to the face. Bland was generally content to cover up and showed little initiative.

In the third round, Bland made a better showing, but still continued to receive far more punishment than he gave.

In the fourth, Emmerson continued to do all the landing, but his opponent, by covering up, prevented many of his opponent's blows taking full effect.

Round five proved the most even of the bout, Bland putting up a much better showing and Emmerson taking matters easily.

In the last round, Bland was a very fired man, but fought pluckily to the end taking a deal of punishment.

HEAVY-WEIGHT FARE.

After the interval, followed the only disappointing display of the night when Stoker Booth, of H.M.S. "Hollyhock" met Leading Seaman Francis, of H.M.S. "Titanic," in a 10-round heavy-weight contest. Had it been announced that the men would spar, the display would have been a disappointment. This is how it came up:

Round 1. A very tame affair, each sparring for an opening and then clinching.

Round 2. Another even round, neither showing anxiety to do more than clinch and hit tamely at close quarters.

Round 3. Further clinching and little done except tame fighting.

Round 4. A little more lively, Francis getting one fairly hard blow home to his opponent's face. Too much clinching.

Round 5. Neither appeared at all anxious to fight in earnest. A very tame round.

Round 6. Neither seemed the least anxious to administer or receive punishment.

Round 7. Similar to previous round.

Round 8. It became more obvious than ever that neither was in earnest.

Round 9. Towards the end of the round it appeared that each had at last made up his mind to start fighting. Francis had the better of the exchanges.

Round 10. Similar to previous round, exchanges being fairly even. Francis was given the verdict.

THE MAIN BOUT.

1.—A lively opening with but little holding. Cartledge started the ball rolling with a right swing to the head which Smith countered to the head—Smith countered.

2.—Cartledge did most of the attacking and scored with his left on 3 or 4 occasions, also getting in some heavy body blows. Smith was warned for holding.

3.—Smith opened by rushing at his man and collaring him round the neck. He was twice warned for holding. Cartledge got one left smash into Smith's face and several blows to the body. He had all the best of the exchanges.

4.—Cartledge opened with another left smash to the face and in the clinch which followed, delivered several telling body blows. He followed this up with another jarring left to the face and a right to the ribs. Smith seemed badly shaken, and began to lean when Cartledge delivered more body punishment as he drove his opponent to the ropes.

5.—Cartledge, after narrowly missing with a right upper cut, piled in more body blows. Smith retaliated to the body. Cartledge was warned for keeping his right glove open. A good round.

6.—A quieter round. Both relied on punches to the body. Round chiefly confined to in-fighting. Fairly even.

7.—Cartledge rushed his man to the ropes and much heavy body punishment was exchanged. Cartledge receiving two heavy right smashes to the ribs. Cartledge warned for using his head. An even round.

8.—Cartledge again forced the fighting and Smith appeared anxious to clinch. More body punishment exchanged. Cartledge had slightly the better of matters.

9.—Cartledge got three lefts to his opponent's face in quick succession but they lacked power. Smith, after getting a right to the ribs, received two nasty smashes in the face. Round ended with Smith against the ropes.

10.—Cartledge continued to add points with left and right to the face and took little punishment in return. Again had his man on the ropes when the gong went.

11.—Cartledge continued to maintain the upper hand and

SNOW AT CHEFOO.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ENJOY SLEDGING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CHEFOO, December 16.

Recent arrivals include Mrs. and Miss McOwan. Mrs. McOwan has come to join her husband, Rev. B. M. McOwan, our Port Chaplain. Another arrival has been Miss James, who has joined the nursing staff of the C.I.M. Hospital in the place of Miss Spinks, who has departed for work in the interior.

Mixed Hockey.

On the 6th inst. the C.I.M. Schools, playing a mixed team of boys and girls, met a mixed Settlement team at Hockey on the Boys School's Grounds. The Schools won rather easily, 8 goals to nil, Ruth Dilley and Huston Edgar being conspicuous for their good play.

A return game was played on the 13th, when the Settlement fielded a better team, and a closer game ensued. At half time the Settlement had scored three, and the School four goals; however, in the second half the School played better, the final score being 7 to 4 in their favour. Messrs. Hogg, Stevenson and Donald played a good game on the Settlement side, while the Schools' team all combined well.

Fall of Snow.

During the 9th and 10th we had a fairly heavy fall of snow, and the School children have had a fine time sledging.

Dec. 12th, was the second anniversary of the founding of the Shen Tze School (Chinese), and during the afternoon Sports were held, followed by a Concert in the evening given by the students.

A fire occurred during the night of Wednesday, the 10th, in the Chinese city. The damage luckily was not very serious.

The U.S.S. "Pillsbury" left here for Manila on the 12th, and we now have only one destroyer in port, the U.S.S. "Ford."

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE LULLABY"

"The Lullaby," a story of the city, that great monster of a million heads that take within its powerful grasp, the great, the small, the wise and the foolish, elevating the chosen few to positions of prominence and bestowing every favour upon them, or waiting the very heart's blood from the frail bodies of others, is the substance of the picture which is showing at the World Theatre to-day.

Representative of that great influx of ambitious foreigners who leave their native countries every year to seek a fortune, in this land of opportunities, only to be dragged under by the tugging undertow which runs beneath the surface of everyday city life, Jane Novak, as Felipa, a young wife, and Robert Anderson, as Tony, her husband, portray a story that is enacted year in and year out in the great metropolis like New York.

They are radiantly happy until, through force of circumstances, they run into conflict with the Law—that unforgiving, merciless, grinding machine which sits in judgement, hears evidence, and gives what it thinks is justice, without mercy. According to the picture, the law itself is soundly based, but it is to the unperceptive, the spirit of the statutes who fall to look beneath the surface for mitigating circumstances, that the plea for leniency is presented. It has nothing to say to those judges who are conscientious and perform their duties wisely. Miss Novak is superb—and though the story is turbulent—it ends happily and leaves a good taste. Chester Bennett is the director and the producer of the star's latest F.B.O. Production.

again reached his opponent's face on many occasions. Smith relied on body blows chiefly, but did little harm.

12.—Cartledge did most of the attacking and had his man against the ropes continually. Smith received most of the punishment during the in-fighting.

13.—Cartledge continued the attacks and scored with some nasty half-arm upper-cuts in the clinches and with other blows to the face, shaking Smith on several occasions.

14.—Early in the round Cartledge got in a right upper-cut but failed to follow it up. He then got his man to the ropes, but Smith fought his way out.

15.—Cartledge continually rushed his man, but Smith retaliated with body blows and kept going gamely to the end though he received several nasty jabs in the face, and a badly cut left eye.

BLASTING.

OLD WOMAN INJURED BY STONE.

CASE ADJOURNED.

Ng Wah, contractor, of No. 108, Second Street, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning, on two counts of dangerous blasting at Jubilee Road, Pokfulam, on December 14 and 17.

The defendant was represented by Mr. R. E. A. Webster, who contended that, despite the fact that a piece of stone was thrown into a smashed, adequate precautions were taken in carrying out the blasting work.

The summonses were adjourned *sine die* as an old woman is now in hospital as a result of injuries from flying fragments.

FALSE COINS.

TINSMITH'S MACHINE SEIZED.

EXPERT EVIDENCE.

Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith of the Hongkong University was the principal witness for the prosecution in the hearing of a charge against a tinsmith at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of counterfeiting Hongkong coins.

As expert, Prof. Middleton Smith was called to give evidence as to the nature of the implements seized. He said he had examined the presses and came to the conclusion that they could be used for the counterfeiting of copper cents. He had made experiments with them and proceeded to explain the process he employed.

Mr. W. B. Hind, for the defence, cross-examined Professor Smith at some length.

Mr. Hind: Did you finish any of these coins?

Professor Middleton Smith: No. We have had no time, but when finished, there is no doubt they will look like a new one cent piece.

Mr. Hind pointed out that the process involved in making these false coins would be more expensive than making genuine ones.

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Professor Middleton Smith did not agree. He said that with this apparatus the man could turn out a great number of coins and certainly make a profit of from \$10 to \$15 a day.

Mr. Hind submitted that the presses had been ordered for a man for the purpose of making Chinese medicine tins and produced a small sample in support of his submission. Even the best made coins of Professor Smith, he submitted, could not be passed off on any person, unless he was blind or intoxicated.

Witness: But the edges are not finished.

Mr. Hind: Of course you don't expect a tinsmith to make such a good job of it as you have done?

Witness: He is probably the better worker.

Speaking of the presence on some copper slugs, produced, of imprints of the Hongkong cent, Mr. Hind said his client knew nothing about them or about the machines, but he (the defendant) had been told by his folk that a Mr. Anderson, of the Hongkong Hotel, some time ago wanted to order some batches from his shop. To show what they could do, his folk heated some copper slugs like those produced, put them over copper cents, and hammered the metal to get the impression of the coin. Mr. Hind asked witness whether the imprints on some of the slugs could have been made by that means.

Witness said he would not like to say until he had tried it himself.

Mr. Hind called his client and several witnesses to give evidence. All of them denied any unlawful intent in regard to the apparatus.

The case was adjourned until Monday for Mr. Hind to address the Magistrate (Mr. N. L. Smith.)

CHANCE FOR FARMERS.



POLICE BALL.

ANNUAL FUNCTION GREAT SUCCESS.

The annual Police Ball was held in the City Hall last night, and proved an immense success. From an early hour yesterday the Committee responsible for the arrangements had been busy putting the finishing touches, and a pleasing appearance was apparent everywhere. The decorations from the entrance door, up the staircase and in the dancing, supper and lounge rooms had a feature of novelty, and nothing had been omitted to contribute to the success of the occasion. A noticeable feature, on entering the hall, was the illuminated badge of the Hongkong Police which was placed in a beautiful setting at the head of the staircase. The card rooms and bar were situated on the ground floor. The decorations in the dance rooms were carried out in a simple but pleasing manner, a corner being set apart for the musicians.

The Hongkong Hotel Band was in attendance, and dancing was kept up until a late hour to the pleasing strains of the orchestra, the popularity of which was apparent by the number of encores to which they had to respond. The function was altogether a complete success and the guests dispersed after a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The attendance included His Excellency the Governor and Staff, Vice-Admiral Everett, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse and Mrs. Woodhouse. The officers responsible for the arrangements were Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse as President; Chairman, Mr. J. Grant; Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. V. Baker; Committee, Messrs. Cargill, Marks, Kirby, Thorpe, Bradwell, Wright, Stewards, Messrs. Reynolds, Carson, Wynne, Dickson, Johnson and Bright.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 24.—Coronet Theatre: "Richard The Lionhearted."

December 24.—Star Theatre: "The Signal Tower."

December 24.—World Theatre: "The Lullaby."

December 24.—Queen's Theatre: "One Week of Love."

December 27.—Theatre Royal, Edgar Warwick presents the inimitable Wish Wyne.

January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m., January 14, 4.30 p.m.

December 28.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanning.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

SOCIAL.

December 26.—Grand Carnival, Hongkong Hotel, Grill Room.

December 31.—Repulse Bay Hotel special dinner dance.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * The "China Mail" will not be published to-morrow, Christmas Day.

The Steamship "Slavic Prince" from New York sails from Shanghai to-morrow and is expected to arrive here on 28th inst.

From a correspondent signing himself C.P.H. we have received a letter dealing with education, but it contains too many personal allusions for it to be published.

The s.s. "Sarpedon" has been delayed owing to bad weather and will arrive in Hongkong at 7 a.m. to-morrow. She will be despatched for Shanghai at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Some interesting facts were mentioned by the Lord Mayor, who presided at the Mansion House, over the annual meeting of the Royal Society of St. George on October 30. The society, he said, was formed in 1894, and had now a membership of over 20,000 with nearly 100 branches.

The Dutch Consul at Tientsin is reported to have asked the Diplomatic Corps to request the Chinese Government to remove the troops now stationed at Tientsin railway station, as their presence violates the agreement entered into between China and the foreign capitalists of the railway.

The first of a promised series of articles on the Seven Wonders of the ancient world appears in the December issue of "The Yellow Dragon," the magazine of Queen's College, which should prove interesting to present and past pupils. The school notes to those that have the key give the appearance of being as subtle as ever; the clever poem "To G.H.B.W." (in retirement at Bournemouth) has the added advantage of footnotes explaining what, to the outsider, would be incomprehensible, and "The Laughing Buddha" contributes an article which even the reader, who finds fault with every story with a moral, should be able to appreciate.

Kuangai residents of Shanghai are busily engaged in raising funds for their fellow-provincials who were rendered homeless after the big fire in Wuchow some weeks ago which wiped out a third of the city. The money will be sent to Wuchow when a reasonable amount has been raised, says the Chinese press.

Marshal Hsiao Yao-nan, Tsuchin of Hupeh, has, says the Chinese press, despatched a telegram to Marshal Tuan Chih-jui stating that the Peking-Hankow Railway, trains in Hupeh are now running as usual and there are no more disturbances along the way. The troops of Marshal Wu Pei-fu have almost all been disbanded.

The United National Organizations of Shanghai have telegraphed to Marshal Tuan Chih-jui supporting the suggestion of the National Roads Construction Association regarding the appointment of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang as Director-General of the National Highways Bureau, and the use of his troops for the building of national roads.

The immense scope of the process of reincarnation was graphically described by Mr. A. Horne in a lecture at the Theosophical Hall in Shanghai, last week entitled, "The Reincarnation of Nations." Mr. Horne spoke of the evolution first of planetary chains, with their civilizations, then of the age-long history of successive root races, typified by the existing Negro, Mongolian and Aryan peoples, and finally of nations showing marked individual characteristics. The rise and fall of nations was just the effect of the migration of more developed souls from one aggregate to another. Thus, though Rome fell, the Romans, after a period in other spheres, are believed to have reincarnated as Englishmen and women, displaying the same love of law and order, the same liking for sports, the same talent for colonization and the opening up of roads and communications. In a like manner France became the chief spiritual inheritor of Greece in its prime, and Germany of Phœnicia. These were but portions of a vast design, which determined the whole history of the human race.

The Japanese Government has granted a subsidy of ¥9,993,000 to the city of Yokohama for the rebuilding of roads, drains, creek walls and bridges. The subsidy will be in four annual instalments. The city will start on the repair work as soon as the first instalment is received.

On the arrival of the s.s. "Philoctetes" yesterday morning, the body of an elderly Chinese passenger was handed over to the police. It was stated that the man was killed in the course of a quarrel which arose amongst the Chinese passengers. Of a number of passengers taken into custody by the police, two were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and charged with manslaughter. The men were remanded until next Tuesday.

According to a cable to the "Daily Bulletin," the N. C. "Daily News," in the course of an editorial, says that Dr. Schurman's speech of last week created a feeling of discouragement, particularly in the American community, so it seemed only fair to let time mellow impressions before commenting on it. The writer says that the speech was a depressing substitute for a message of hope. Foreign communities are no longer in the mood to hear facts sugarcared at a time when China is not doing credit to her past nor showing any appreciation of foreigners' friendship. The list of cases in recent years in which diplomacy at Peking has failed to check the Chinese tendency to override treaties is long and familiar to every foreigner doing business in China. This knowledge is in the minds of Dr. Schurman's audience. If Dr. Schurman felt that Washington would not support him in a more forceful statement, the community would have been cheered if he had given an assurance that he personally understood the position of the foreigner in China, and was trying to make his Government appreciate it. The lack of such an assurance was the most disappointing feature of his address. Shanghai does not yet know whether the speech reveals Dr. Schurman's own attitude or that of his Government.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

General Hsu arrived in Marseilles by the mail boat "Amazon." He stated that he will go to Paris and London, where he expects to stay for six months.

Mr. Ewald E. Selph, formerly Chief Assistant District Attorney at Los Angeles, now a prominent member of the Manila Bar, is staying with Mr. L. G. Husar in Shanghai.

The "China Mail" is asked to announce that owing to the holidays the box plans for the Wish Wynne Co's season which commences on Saturday next at the Theatre Royal will be available in the foyer of the Hongkong Hotel from 9 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and also from 2 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, during which hours seats may be booked for any nights during the season.

Lady Patricia Ramsay, who has gone to Bermuda, where her husband will be stationed for some time, is looking forward to painting some sketches of the island, says the "Sunday Chronicle." Lady Patricia is very fond of working in both oil and water-colour, but of late she has not had much time for painting. Flowers and fruit are among her favourite subjects, as she hopes to be able to present her friends with colourful little studies of the bright-hued tropical blooms of Bermuda.

Mr. Henry H. Cohen has returned to Shanghai from Australia whither he departed some time ago on a mission to urge the restoration of trade between the Dominion and China. Founder of the export committee of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and prominently connected with Eastern Traders, Ltd., a new concern with £1,000,000 capital which hopes to be instrumental in building up a big trade between China and Australia, Mr. Cohen spoke at 83 gatherings of business men in various States. He has endeavoured to make Australians realize that American trade has made wonderful progress in China through arranging facilities for the big business men to come out East and investigate. He also appealed for a better understanding of the Chinese people and removal of restrictions and indignities put upon Chinese business enterprise in its dealings with Australians.

The U. S. Commercial Attaché's office in Peking learns from Mr. Paul Y. Chang, President and General Manager of the Chinese Art and Industrial Exhibition, to open on January 1, in Seattle, that the necessary space has been secured. Arrangements also have been made for financing the project. Three well-known exhibitions in China, namely, the National Educational Exhibition, China Arts Exhibition and the Western China Exhibition, have offered many of their best exhibits for use on this occasion. Over \$5,000 is being contributed to the exhibition funds by Chinese merchants in Shanghai. The exhibits are to consist of rugs, carpets, silks, embroideries, and other well-known Chinese products. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Seattle Fine Arts Society have interested themselves in the exhibition and many prominent members of these organizations have consented to serve on committees and help in other ways toward the success of the display.

The "Tokyo Jiji" reports: At the entreaty of her elder sister and three younger sisters at home, Miss Lily Summers, the oldest English teacher in Japan, is to leave Yokohama for England after 53 years' residence. Miss Summers came to Japan when she was only six years of age and expresses her regrets at leaving the country where she has more friends than at home. According to Miss Summers, the "Jiji" continues, the Tokyo-Yokohama Railway was inaugurated three days after her arrival in Japan, and she, in company with her father, attended the opening ceremony. On her way home from Yokohama to Tokyo, she noticed that people took off their hats at the platform and then, entrained, and on their arrival at Tokyo they made a great fuss in finding their foot-gear. In those days "people had to go to Yokohama to buy matches. Among dignitaries who have been educated by Miss Summers are Princesses Kan-in and Higashi Fushiki, as well as the Princes Kijo, Shimazu, Date and many others. She was also connected with the Meiji University and Nippon Higher Girls' School, and established the Summers School in Tsukiji, Tokyo. In short, she has been the pioneer and mother of Japanese juveniles and girls in giving English lessons.

A marriage has been arranged between Major John W. Watson, British North Borneo Civil Service, and Winifred Eileen, youngest daughter of the late C. Ingram Arncliffe, Honley, Yorkshire.

Mr. H. R. Bull, at one time Deputy Public Prosecutor, Selangor, and till recently Official Assignee and Registrar of Companies, has given notice of a petition for admission as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court, F.M.S.

The Magdeburg Court has sentenced to three months' imprisonment Herr Rothardt, the editor of a provincial newspaper, for libelling Herr Ebert, whom he accused of helping to prolong the munition workers' strike of 1918 by publicly urging the workers not to respond to the military order to join the army.

The Thrift Encouragement Society of Tokyo Prefecture, dissatisfied with the poor results obtained in their recent thrift propaganda, is about to launch a new campaign whereby they will urge the people to give up the customary celebration of year-end parties and formal exchange of New Year present between relatives and friends.

The popularity of the dances held at the Hongkong and Repulse Bay Hotels has resulted in bookings for Boxing Night at the Grill Room, and for New Year's Eve at Repulse Bay, having to be closed. Those disappointed for these occasions, however, may look forward to a jolly evening on Friday, January 23, when a Fancy Dress Ball will be held in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel on the occasion of Chinese New Year's Eve, for which table reservations may now be made.

The London correspondent of the Singapore "Free Press," who is usually well-informed, writes out that Mr. and Mrs. Darbishire, are leaving England at the end of the first week in January on an extended visit of some months to the Straits, where, as our correspondent says, "Mr. Darbishire will be able to study or talk over on the spot, his favourite project—the abolition of rubber restriction." We trust that our correspondent does not attribute to Mr. Darbishire motives for his visit which are not strictly correct.

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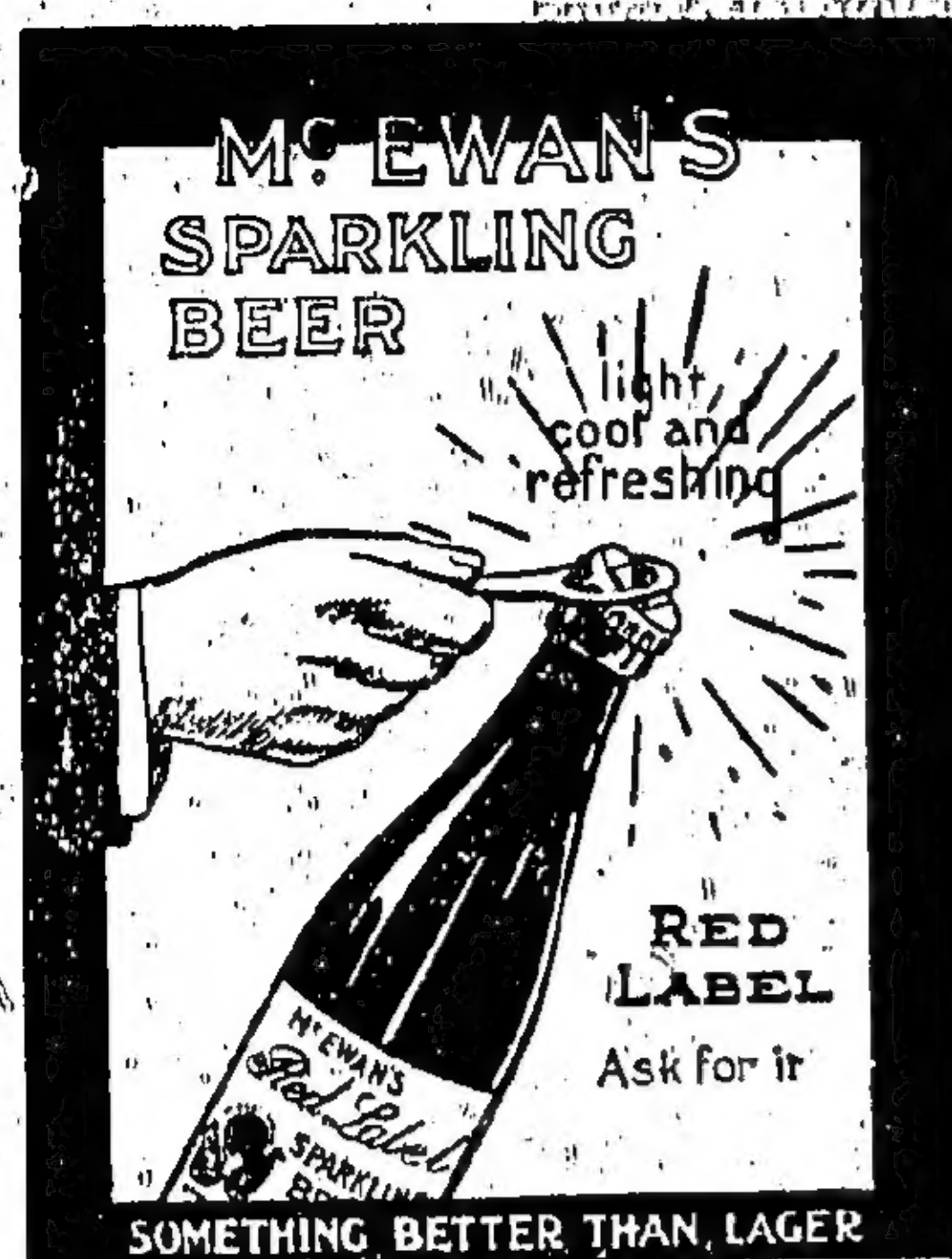
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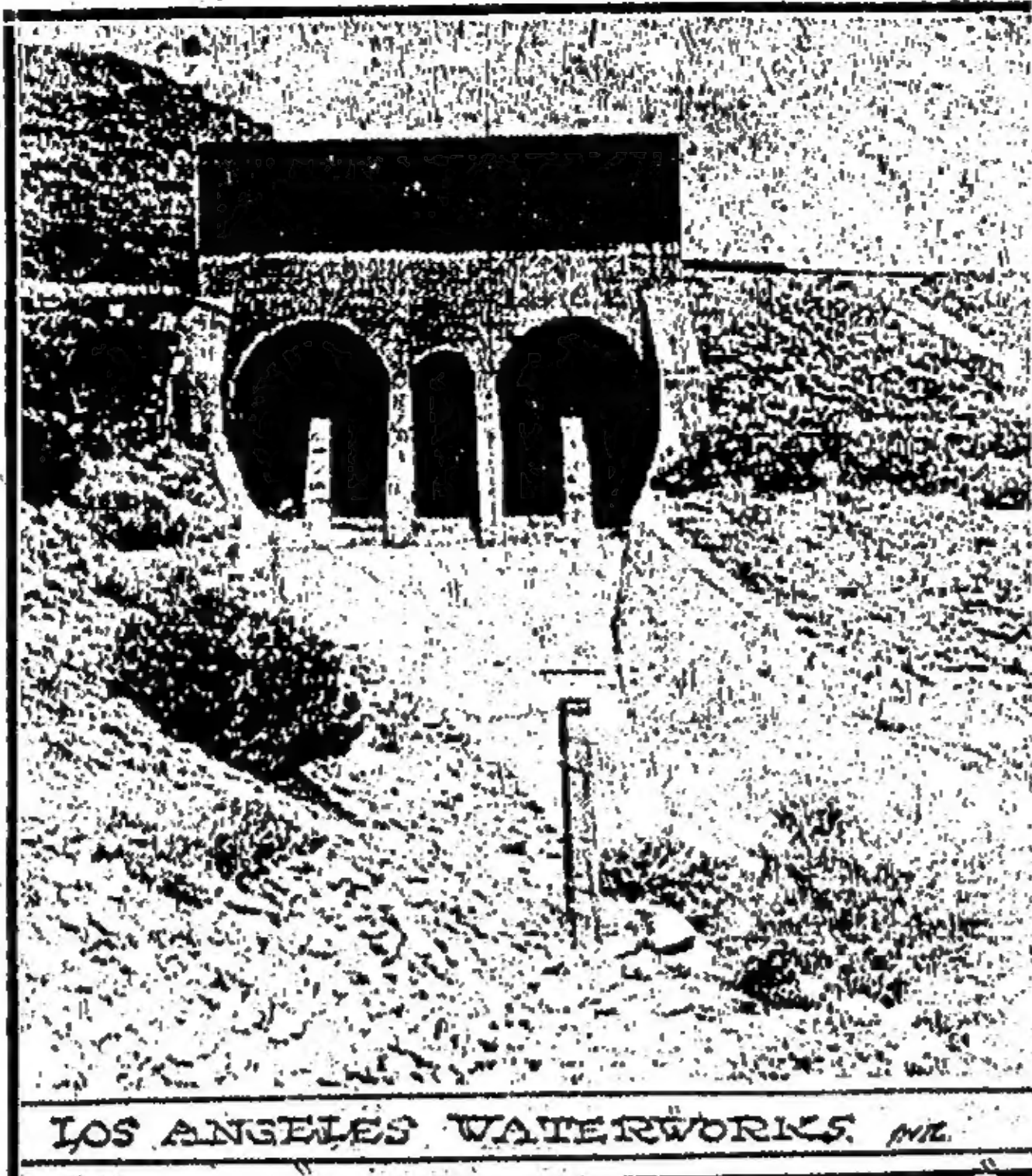
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Two hundred ranchmen from the Owens Valley in California have relinquished the headgates of the Los Angeles waterworks, located near Lone Pine, which they held for several days, opening the spill gates and leaving Los Angeles waterless. Last Spring, these same ranchmen blew up a section of the aqueduct. The trouble began in 1913, the ranchmen claiming that all water had been diverted from their irrigation system in Owens Valley and had ruined their farms. The city officials have agreed to furnish them the water they need. The waterworks cost the city \$4,400,000.



MRS. CHRIS HAMEY

Mrs. Chris Hamey, wife of a notorious bank robber who was killed by police last year, has been convicted of complicity in the robbery of a bank last January. Her sentence is from five to ten years in State's prison.



PRINCE GREGORY

Prince Gregory, member of one of the oldest families in Russia, has just reached London after years of peril. Since A.D. 862 his family has served the Czar. He served with the Russian armies until 1918, first with the army of the Czar and then with the Bolsheviks, who sought to overthrow the Czar. He was captured and sentenced to be shot, but escaped and lived for six months on scraps of food, finally making his way to England.

An "Insanity Plot"?



Below: W. I. HAVENS. Above: CHAS. W. HARLEY

Charles W. ("Chick") Harley, famous gridiron star, and army aviator in the war, in his fight for freedom from an insane asylum, alleges, he was lured into the hands of court officers by William F. Havens.

Siamese Dancer.



SIAMESE ROYAL DANCER

Among eight Siamese dancers from the palace of the late Prince Bejrapurna, brother of the King of Siam, who are appearing in London, is Princess Mon Luang Sud Chitra, shown here wearing the royal robes of the Imperial Siamese family.



MRS. REGINALD VANDERBILT & MRS. THELMA M. CONVERSE

Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, the former Mrs. Morgan, daughter of the American Consul General to Brussels, and her sister, Mrs. Thelma Morgan Converse, are shown as they returned to New York from a tour of Europe.



MAX S. PHATE

Threatened a month ago with death for piracy, Max Phate, has returned from France satisfied that he has been completely exonerated. The French courts released him on \$50 bail, as the charge that he knew of the raid on the rumboat, Mulhouse, had fallen flat.



BENT GLASCOCK

Bent Glascock, leader of the mail bandit gang that got loot valued at several million dollars in a train hold-up at Rondout, several months ago, is shown as he sat in the Federal Court in Chicago and told his story of the crime. More than \$1,000,000 worth of the loot had been recovered and was exhibited in court.



MR. & MRS. JOHN A. SMUTS

John Smuts said to be a cousin of General Smuts, of South Africa, is in a critical condition in hospital as the result of a bullet wound, which he declared was self-inflicted, though the police wore at a loss to understand how he could have shot himself. His wife was the former May Yoh, actress, who married Lord Francis Hope, possessor of the famous Hope Diamond, which she wore on several occasions. Then she ran away from Lord Hope, with Major Putnam Bradley Strong, whom she later divorced to marry Captain Smuts.

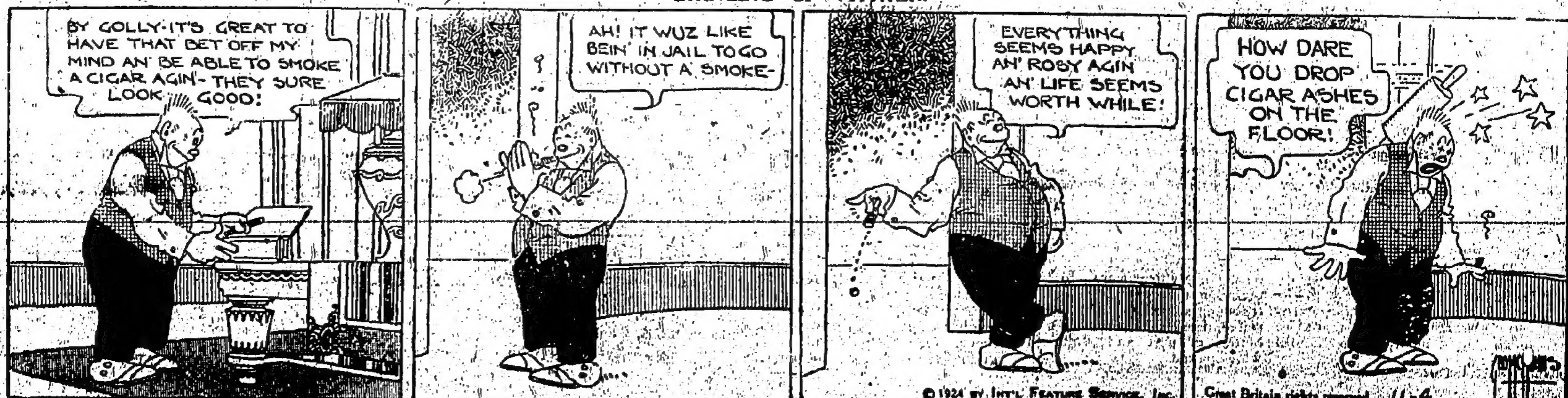
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WORLD OF SPORT.**CRICKET.**AUSTRALIANS NOW HOLD
GOOD LEAD.**THE FIRST TEST.**

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, December 23.

The weather for the third day's play in the first test match was fine, but sultry towards the latter part of the day. The wicket was in good condition. The attendance numbered 12,000. Play was stopped by a dust storm which swept across the pitch when the score stood at 5 for 257. Play was resumed when the storm abated, but after one run had been added to the score the storm returned and stumps were drawn. Scores:—

AUSTRALIA—2ND INNINGS.	
W. Bardsley, b Tate	22
A. Richardson, c b Freeman	38
G. Kelleway, b Gilligan	23
H. L. Collins, not out	58
H. Ponsford, c Woolley, b Freeman	27
V. Richardson, c Hendren, b Tate	18
H. L. Hendry, not out	6
Extras	6
Total (for 5 wks.)	258

The match will be continued to-morrow. The aggregate attendance so far has been a record for tests in Australia. The fielding of the English team was excellent and the bowling good. Gilligan, the captain of the Englishmen, received many cables of congratulation on his 30th birthday which fell to-day.

The Australian team has been notified to be present at Melbourne for the second test on January 1, although the team will not be selected until December 31.

The position now is:—
Australia 1st innings 450
England 1st innings 298
Australia 2nd innings (for 5 wks.) 258

GOLF.MONAGHAN WINS BOGEY
POOL.

Bogey pool played at Fanning from the 20th to 22nd December was won by T. C. Monaghan, 1 up. There were 27 entries.

HOCKEY.TEAMS FOR HOLIDAY
MATCHES.

The Hongkong Hockey Club have arranged two games this week. This evening at 7.45 p.m., they play the H.K.S. R.G.A. when the Club team will be:—P.W.F. Mills; H. Owen-Hughes, C.L.B. Becher; A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.) L. P. Ralph; G. R. More, G. B. Hett, W. J. Woodward, E. L. Sim, B. D. Evans.

Boxing Day Match.

On the Marina Ground, at 3.45 p.m., the Club meet the Grenadiers. The following is the Club team:—P.W.F. Mills; C. F. Manolo-Hughes, C.L.B. Becher; A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.) L. P. Ralph; T. J. Price, G. B. Hett, W. J. Woodward, H. B. Meacock, B. D. Evans.

In addition to the Club Matches for Christmas Eve and Boxing Day, there will be a Married v. Single match on Christmas afternoon at the U.S.R.C. at 3.15 p.m. Married will play in Whites and Single in colours and teams will be as follows:—

Married:—E. W. Hamilton; C. F. Manolo-Hughes, J. Wedlake; Rev. E. W. L. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. N. Evans, Capt. W. D. Bacon, G. B. Hett, Capt. E. A. Hayes, Newington, Lt. Com. C. W. Bower, R.N., B. D. Evans (Capt.)

Single:—P. W. F. Mills; Capt. R. M. Newton, King, C. L. R. Becher; Lt. D. J. Allfree, A. S. Hett (Capt.), L. P. Ralph; Lt. Ashby, R.N., G. R. More, W. J. Woodward, H. G. Gardner, Lt. C. H. Dickens.

After the match, by the kind permission of the U.S.R.C., tea will be served to the teams, their friends and members, of the U.S.R.C. and H.K.H.C. All ladies are cordially invited.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. NAVY.

In this friendly match, to be played on the Navy's ground on Saturday, December 27, at 2.15 p.m., the following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd Eleven:—

I.R.C.:—Sirdar Khan (Capt.) D. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, S.A.R. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, N. B. Kitchell, M. P. Madar, Y. A. Wahab, A. R. Minu, J. Cassambhoy, J. Akker. Reserve A. K. Minu.

FIGHTS IN U.S.NEW BOXING LAW IN
CALIFORNIA.

New York, November 29.—The State of California recently adopted, by an unofficial majority of approximately 25,000, a law which will permit boxing bouts to be increased in length from four to ten rounds with decisions and twelve rounds with-out decisions. This gives promise of the return of the halcyon days of fistfights in the far west and already promoters in and about San Francisco and Los Angeles, where the game has always been popular, are planning the erection of large stadiums and halls to accommodate the expected increase in patronage.

The measure which is about to be adopted calls for a state athletic commission to regulate and control boxing and wrestling contests. Out of the gross receipts from the shows the state will receive an amount sufficient to pay the commission's expenses and to maintain a home for veterans of any war in which the United States has participated.

Immediately after the measure became known, Fred Winsor, manager of Tony Fuentebat and also of the Culver City ring, wired a challenge to Jack Dempsey in behalf of his protégé, Fuentebat, proposing a battle at Culver City on July 4. Fuentebat is a Mexican who recently took a four-round decision from Floyd Johnson and won seven of his later fights by knockouts.

TESTS IN AFRICA.FIVE MATCHES ARRANGED
FOR MR. JOEL'S XI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Johannesburg, December 23.—The first of five unofficial Test matches, arranged for Mr. Joel's team, began to-day.

The visiting team batted first and scored 198. Tennyson made 57.

Napen took 5 wickets, for 54. South Africa had scored 54 for the loss of 2 wickets when rain fell and stumps were drawn.

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December 22 to 28, 1924.

Day	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Mon.	22	5.48	8.2	11.05	2.8
Tue.	23	6.57	8.5	12.12	2.6
Wed.	24	7.55	8.8	1.19	2.4
Thurs.	25	8.54	9.1	2.26	2.2
Fri.	26	9.53	9.4	3.33	2.0
Sat.	27	10.52	9.7	4.40	1.8
Sun.	28	11.51	10.0	5.47	1.6

Fewer Unemployed.

The Ministry of Labour announces that the number of persons recorded on November 10 on the registers of employment exchanges in Great Britain was 1,218,400. This was 9,623 fewer than on November 3, 1924, and 67,223 fewer than on December 31, 1923. The decrease of 9,623 refers to the first clear week since the Conservative Government came into power in which the returns have not been affected by abnormal influences.

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